

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 828

By Pody

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Lebanon-Wilson County Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its ninetieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those community-based organizations which are celebrating momentous occasions in their illustrious histories; and

WHEREAS, the Lebanon-Wilson County Chamber of Commerce is one such organization which, on September 5, 2014, will mark the ninetieth anniversary of its founding. For nine decades, the Lebanon-Wilson County Chamber of Commerce has remained committed to serving the needs of its community, abiding by its mission statement of creating the talents and energies of business, industry, and individuals to make Wilson County the best place to live, work, and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, first chartered on September 5, 1924, the Chamber was originally located in the Arcade building on the Southeast corner of the Lebanon Square. The Chamber now occupies a 6,000 square foot building which was renovated in 2007, and which serves as the heart of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lebanon-Wilson County Chamber of Commerce hosts more than 700 meetings each year in its boardrooms, and currently boasts a membership of more than 1,000 active industries, businesses, individuals, and organizations, including Cumberland University and *The Lebanon Democrat*, two institutions that are charter members of the Chamber and have remained supportive and involved members over the past ninety years; and

WHEREAS, the Lebanon-Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, the fifth-largest chamber of commerce in Middle Tennessee, is incredibly active in effecting positive and lasting

change within the community. The Chamber established a nonprofit organization which gathers funding and awards grants to Wilson County teachers, Tennessee Scholar graduates, Imagination Library children, and graduating seniors in the form of scholarships, and was also instrumental in establishing the Joint Economic and Community Development Board, Leadership Wilson, Youth Leadership, Lebanon Youth Football, Historic Lebanon, the Festival of Lights, and the Ms. Senior Wilson County pageant; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber is led by twenty dedicated and thoughtful individuals who sit on the Board of Directors and has six divisions which oversee the many projects and programs which benefit the community. Sue Vanatta currently holds the position of Chamber President, to which role she brings an unwavering commitment to the pursuit of excellence in the execution of her many duties; and

WHEREAS, for ninety years, the Lebanon-Wilson County Chamber of Commerce has rendered sterling service to the good people of Wilson County while cultivating positive growth in business and industry, and it is wholly fitting that this body recognizes the Chamber on this auspicious occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize the Lebanon-Wilson County Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its ninetieth anniversary, applauding its service within Wilson County these past nine decades and extending our best wishes for its continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.